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**ALL INVITED TO ATTEND WELCOME HOME VIETNAM VETERANS REMEMBRANCE
CEREMONY**

PIERRE, S.D. – Gov. Dennis Daugaard and Larry Zimmerman, Secretary of the South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs, will be the keynote speakers at the Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Remembrance Ceremony at the Capitol Lake in Pierre at 1:30 p.m. (CDT) on Sunday, March 29.

This ceremony affords attendees the opportunity to express our gratitude, remember their service and say thank you and welcome home.

Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets, sunscreen, sunglasses and water.

Immediately following the ceremony, Pierre American Legion Post 8 will host a celebration reception (free-will donation) from 2:30 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Veterans will be provided numerous opportunities throughout the weekend to network and share their stories.

On Saturday, March 28, events include -VA briefings from Sioux Falls VA Health Care System Director Darwin Goodspeed and Dakotas Regional Office benefits team members at 10 a.m., an Agent Orange and Toxic Chemical Town Hall at 1 p.m., a celebration dinner for Vietnam Veterans and their families will be hosted by Pierre Post 8 at 6 p.m. (free will donations), and at 7 p.m. a pre-screening of “Last Days in Vietnam,” a PBS American Experience Production will be aired.

On Sunday, March 29, a Welcome Home Breakfast will be held at McClelland's Restaurant in Fort Pierre (902 Walleye Drive) with serving from 7 a.m. – 10 a.m. At noon, participants will begin lining up for the “Celebration” procession, which starts at 1 p.m., and will travel from McClelland's to the Vietnam Memorial at Capitol Lake in Pierre. The VA mobile Vet Center will be located at Capitol Lake and staff will be on hand to provide outreach to veterans and their families.